

REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN OF FAIRHAVEN
ON THE
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN,
AND OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
For the Year 1870-71.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

Account of the Collector of Taxes.

Uncollected taxes as per last report,	\$7,341.07
Amount of tax bills placed in hands of T. Damon, Jr., for the year 1870,	23,671.88
Interest on taxes collected,	233.50
School district taxes collected,	33.76
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	\$31,280.21

Amount collected by T. Damon, Jr., and paid :

State treasurer,	\$4,600.00
County treasurer,	1,660.38
Town treasurer,	15,506.15
Abatement for prompt pay,	1,095.67
Taxes remitted,	130.40
School district property taxes remitted,	288.50
Taxes refunded,	64.06
Treasurer and collector, salary,	561.76
Uncollected taxes for 1860,	107.53
“ “ 1861,	171.83
“ “ 1862,	440.90
“ “ 1863,	330.32
“ “ 1864,	308.80
“ “ 1865,	198.00
“ “ 1866,	218.80
“ “ 1867,	483.45
“ “ 1868,	700.99
“ “ 1869,	1,680.62
“ “ 1870,	2,732.05
	\$31,280.21

The Selectmen have examined the accounts of T. Damon, Jr., collector of taxes, and find them correct.

TUCKER DAMON, JR.,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, DR.

To balance from old account,	\$1,699.46	
To taxes received from collector,	15,506.15	
To dividends from Nat. Bank, Fairhaven,	184.00	
To cash from town of Nantucket,	256.00	
Town of Acushnet,	57.88	
Town of Mattapoissett,	70.45	
Town of Marion,	85.71	
City of New Bedford,	161.58	
City of Fall River,	91.59	
Commonwealth, state paupers,	30.00	
Joseph Pope,	190.45	
Mary A. Gifford,	71.22	
S. W. Hawes,	56.20	
Fairhaven Savings Institution,	11,000.00	
Whiting & Co., old engine hose,	36.00	
State aid,	711.47	
State aid, 1867,	61.85	
State corporation tax,	843.05	
City of New Bedford for balance of repairs on bridge,	3,538.09	
Sale of old lumber from bridge,	67.24	
A. P. Willcox, book agent,	250.00	
C. D. Hunt, old lumber,	6.75	
Interest on loan,	20.11	
Fairhaven Savings Bank, interest over paid,	22.45	
Peddler's license,	8.00	
State school fund,	228.03	
County, dog tax,	149.39	\$35,403.12

CREDIT.

By order drawn on treasurer and paid for account of highways, public schools, support of poor, and incidental account,	\$33,313.66	
By balance on hand to new account,	2,089.46	\$35,403.12

Répairs of Highways.

Order in favor of William P. Sullings for payment to

Reuben P. Marshall,	\$1.75	
Peleg R. Drew,	30.45	
Paul K. Hathaway,	49.70	
John M. Howland,	8.73	
Charles Goldsboro,	5.25	
William A. Tripp,	13.13	
Francis Tripp,	5.25	
Benjamin Drew,	13.13	
Andrew Spooner,	8.97	
Job Willcox,	8.00	
Jonathan Mosher,	14.00	
Jonathan Cowen,	10.40	
James M. Hall,	3.41	
Joseph B. Taber,	34.05	
Ebenezer G. Grinnell,	7.00	
Dennis Parker,	11.55	
Robert Parker,	9.80	
Moses Stone,	10.15	
Henry Braley,	3.50	
Joseph Jenney,	9.10	
Reuben Austin,	22.07	
Joseph M. Wright,	2.80	
Charles Raymond,	1.40	
Isaac Terry,	2.88	
William P. Sullings,	89.15	\$375.62

Order in favor of Josiah R. Howland for payment to

William Mann,	\$20.80
George Davis,	11.00
Oliver Willcox,	10.50
Thomas W. Taber,	2.40
Joseph H. Burgess,	6.80
Gillira Kendrick,	11.50
John M. Howland,	20.00
George H. Taber,	3.15
George Jones,	7.00
Philip Nolan,	16.40
George De Wolf,	4.00
James Hall,	4.20
Thomas Clark,	6.80
David Howe,	8.60
John Wood,	8.50

James Tripp,	13.30	
Isaac Terry,	3.39	
Edward Haskins,	26.20	
Josiah R. Howland,	126.85	\$311.39

Order in favor of Benjamin P. Tripp for payment to

Dennis Stevens,	\$38.25	
Charles Blossom,	32.48	
Henry T. Howard,	22.00	
Jabez T. Howard,	29.22	
Charles Jenney,	16.30	
Welcome J. Lawton,	14.00	
Isaac Hathaway,	11.40	
Ephraim and Thomas Delano,	11.80	
Henry Bolles,	7.88	
Joseph King,	5.25	
Henry Akin,	4.00	
John Gelett,	5.25	
Andrew Tripp,	12.00	
George Howard,	2.62	
Sylvanus Skiff,	1.75	
Allen Bumpus,	1.75	
Josiah Mendall,	1.75	
Albert Howard,	1.10	
Benjamin P. Tripp,	35.00	\$253.80

Order in favor of George Swain for payment to

William J. Mackie,	\$47.25	
Seth Alden,	39.00	
Everett Stetson,	9.75	
Seth Stevens,	7.88	
B. Studley,	27.13	
Sylvanus Skiff,	8.75	
Henry Jenney,	10.08	
Oscar Stetson,	3.40	
John Hathaway,	12.55	
Samuel Hathaway,	7.00	
S. Rose,	1.75	
John Thomas,	1.75	
Charles Sherman,	3.50	
James Sherman,	3.50	
Reuben W. Paine,	5.00	
B. T. Dunn,	2.45	
George Swain,	76.94	\$267.68

Order in favor of Seth A. Mitchell for payment to

William C. Ford,	\$50.75	
Joseph H. Burgess,	72.64	
John Howard,	28.40	
Samuel Briggs,	23.05	
George Jones,	17.50	
Corbet Chandler,	10.10	
Joseph Dwelley,	98.15	
Rowland Fish,	3.12	
Isaiah Terry,	3.60	
Estate of A. Cox,	6.56	
William P. Alden,	9.00	
Granville Taber,	6.60	
William Dwelley,	92.19	
David Howe,	8.40	
A. D. Bourne,	4.95	
Philip Nolan,	14.40	
George Hall,	3.80	
Charles Shaw,	19.80	
Perkins & Smith,	3.25	
Raymond & Webb,	.85	
L. S. Judd,	5.40	
Boston & Fairhaven Iron Works,	10.55	
William W. Allen,	3.60	
James Doull,	16.75	
Reuben Reed,	7.60	
George Robinson,	18.20	
J. H. Gifford,	16.40	
Malcom Mc Lane,	2.00	
John M. Howland,	17.00	
George H. Taber,	3.00	
Marshall Briggs,	2.30	
William S. Guilds,	1.58	
Seth A. Mitchell,	86.60	\$667.49

\$1,875.98

Balance unexpended to new account,

124.02

\$2,000.00

CREDIT.

By appropriation,

\$2,000.00

Support of Public Schools.

H. C. Crane, teacher,	\$525.00
Mary C. Minter, teacher,	498.61
D. A. Caldwell, teacher,	690.00
P. B. Cathell, teacher,	201.25
Mary A. Dunham, teacher,	126.50
Sylvia Stevens, teacher,	143.75
Mary S. Wood, teacher,	121.25
M. A. Fairfield, teacher,	285.00
E. S. Delano, teacher,	209.25
D. P. Rand, teacher,	172.75
Abbie H. Howland, teacher,	237.00
S. R. Allen, teacher,	121.00
Georgia Fairfield, teacher,	11.00
Dora C. Ewer, teacher,	60.00
Addie E. Burk, teacher,	231.50
Emma O. Briggs, teacher,	231.50
C. K. Wood, teacher,	190.00
Rowland Fish, coal,	215.42
Isaac Perkins, coal,	14.04
Nelson Tinkham, coal,	8.50
A. Benson, coal,	1.50
William J. Mackie, wood,	6.75
J. Cowen, wood and supplies,	23.28
W. H. Simmons, wood and supplies,	7.50
J. Hopkins,	225.00
Charles Jenney,	11.39
W. H. Studley,	9.60
W. P. Sullings,	9.61
N. S. Taber, care,	123.25
George H. Tripp, care,	14.00
Lewis P. Morse, care,	45.75
C. T. Bonney, care,	5.00
F. P. Sherman, care,	5.50
William Bryden, care,	12.05
Mary A. Jones, care,	2.72
C. W. Hurl, care,	6.00
Benjamin Blossom,	5.62
A. F. Weeden,	3.68
Elisha Hammond,	4.20
J. W. Ross,	4.20
A. Nye,	8.01
J. B. Taber,	2.09
F. M. Fuller,	5.12
F. Coffin,	1.25
Francis Hammond,	1.00

S. S. Swift & Co.,	2.16	
Stevens & Eldredge,	1.70	
Jones & Sears,	.40	
A. M. Burns,	5.62	
J. King,	3.82	
Jabez Delano, Jr.,	1.40	\$4,852.66
Balance to new account,		1,781.39
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		\$6,634.05

CREDIT.

By balance from old account,	\$756.63	
By amount of appropriation,	5,500.00	
By amount received from state,	228.03	
By amount from county dog tax,	149.39	\$6,634.05

Support of Poor.

Orders drawn for support of poor :

In the alms-house,	\$409.55	
Out of the alms-house,	660.91	
State Lunatic Hospital,	408.10	
J. N. Peck, labor on farm,	65.00	
Nathaniel Bonney,	200.00	
W. P. Sullings, mowing,	34.75	
O. A. Sisson, ashes for farm,	36.40	
Stephen Townsend, cutting wood,	45.40	
Roland Fish, coal for alms-house,	53.68	
Roland Fish, coal for families,	170.00	
Roland Fish, phosphate of bone,	47.40	
Union store,	309.92	
J. B. Taber,	88.15	
S. S. Swift & Co.,	140.25	
Rufus Allen,	94.74	
F. M. Fuller,	72.50	
James S. Robinson,	24.00	
A. Nye,	98.00	
Isaac Terry,	17.85	
Coggshall & Co.,	20.00	
William S. Guilds,	10.13	
City of New Bedford,	34.50	
State Reform School,	15.07	
State alms-house,	6.28	
Geo. Atwood, pauper, belonging out of town,	103.75	
Geo. Atwood, pauper, belonging in town,	19.50	
James H. Leshers, labor,	25.00	
Isaac Fairchild,	1.50	
N. T. Bonney, wagon,	75.00	
N. T. Bonney, wheelbarrow,	6.00	\$3,293.16

CREDIT.

By amount of appropriation,	\$2,000.00	
By cash from town of Nantucket,	256.00	
Town of Acushnet,	57.88	
City of New Bedford,	161.58	
City of Fall River,	91.59	
Town of Mattapoisett,	70.45	
Town of Marion,	85.71	
Commonwealth,	30.00	
Joseph Pope,	190.45	
Mary A. Gifford,	71.22	
S. W. Hawes,	56.20	\$3,071.08
By amount from incidental account,		222.08
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		\$3,293.16

Town Farm.

The principal products of the year, with their estimated value, have been as follows :

23 tons hay, at \$20,	\$460.00	
Salt hay,	10.00	
2 tons straw, at \$12,	24.00	
134 bushels potatoes, at \$1,	134.00	
100 bushels turnips, at 40 cents,	40.00	
100 bushels corn, at \$1.12,	112.00	
35 bushels oats, at 60 cents,	21.00	
15 bushels rye, at \$1.33,	19.95	
2½ bushels buckwheat, at \$1.50,	3.75	
4 bushels beans, at \$2.50,	10.00	
10 bushels beets, at 75 cents,	7.50	
4 tons pumpkins, at \$8,	32.00	
45 bushels apples, at 30 cents,	13.50	
100 pounds dried apples, at 14 cents,	14.00	
Summer vegetables,	70.00	
1300 pounds pork, at 11½ cents,	149.50	
436 pounds butter, at 44 cents,	191.84	
175 dozen eggs, at 29 cents,	50.75	
208 pounds poultry sold, at 20 cents,	41.60	\$1,405.39

Paupers and Indigent Persons Supported or Relieved for
the year ending Oct. 1st, 1870.

Whole number of paupers supported in alms-house,	9
Average number of paupers supported in alms-house,	4 $\frac{13}{100}$
Supported at insane hospital,	2
Whole number partially supported out of alms-house,	84
Whole number of travellers lodged at alms-house,	30
Number of state paupers assisted,	4

Incidental Account.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Engine Company No. 3,	\$199.92	
Engine Company No. 5, for year 1868,	8.35	
Engine Company No. 5,	368.74	
George F. Clark, engineer,	75.00	
George F. Clark, fires,	12.00	
Joseph B. Taber,	14.34	
Butman & Hoeg,	2.31	
Simpson Hart,	1.93	
Fairhaven Railroad,	3.55	
William H. Hoeg,	18.55	
New Bedford Cordage Company,	6.24	
William Mann,	11.38	
William C. Ford,	2.80	
F. M. Fuller,	3.30	
R. M. Simmons,	7.00	
Lothrop Lewis,	8.12	
B. F. Drew,	12.40	
Allen & Brownell,	26.00	
R. A. Dunham & Co.,	5.15	
New Bedford Gas Company,	4.79	
Albert F. Allen, hose,	1,450.00	
Boston and Fairhaven Iron Works,	127.39	
Aaron Savery,	4.37	
David West,	2.75	
Joseph Millett,	3.75	
N. S. Taber,	2.00	
Raymond & Webb,	31.88	
Perkins & Smith,	1.00	
Roland Fish,	8.25	
George H. Taber,	5.00	\$2,428.26

STATE AID.

State aid furnished families,	\$716.00
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TOWN DEBT.

Paid note in favor of William N. Alden,	\$1,000.00	
Paid note in favor of Silas P. Alden,	300.00	
Fairhaven Savings Bank,	7,000.00	
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	\$8,300.00	
Paid interest on town debt,	3,830.81	\$12,130.81

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Amount paid for school books,	\$599.24
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NEW BEDFORD BRIDGE.

David West,	\$32.80
James L. Butman,	20.70
Josiah R. Howland,	29.08
Asa West,	6.45
Abner Howard,	43.50
E. Grinnell,	1.00
Joseph H. Burgess,	55.95
O. H. Willcox,	29.97
Reuben Reed,	27.25
Joseph Monroe,	15.20
Joseph Dwelly,	17.29
George F. Robinson,	5.00
William H. Dwelley,	17.42
M. B. Rowe,	31.50
Moses H. Delano,	135.63
Luther Cole,	58.63
Edward West,	39.62
Thomas Borden,	90.00
Dodge, Gilbert & Co.,	11.94
Gay, Manson & Co.,	24.03
F. E. Cushman,	112.00
John Hanna,	101.85
Philip Reed,	1.25
Albert J. Barney,	19.80
Benjamin Westgate,	101.33
Charles M. Peirce,	80.00
Job Willcox,	5.60
Isaac Terry,	4.46
Seth A. Mitchell,	1,567.21
B. R. Gifford,	101.33
Boston & Fairhaven Iron Works,	166.95
David Howe,	52.60
Perkins & Smith,	85.08
Roland Fish,	415.61
Isaiah West,	164.03
Hervey Wadsworth,	45.50
John Gurney,	7.00
John Alden,	1.00
T. W. Sanford,	84.52
George F. Eldredge,	94.75
John P. Winslow,	21.27
Raymond & Webb,	82.45
Rufus Allen,	1.87
W. C. Ford,	44.00
Malcom Mc Lane,	62.48

T. S. Butman,	5.05	
Green & Wood,	185.40	
William Watkins,	58.00	
H. S. Kirby,	5.50	
Fairhaven Railroad,	52.60	
Purrington & Taber,	168.37	
S. S. Swift & Co.,	4.24	
R. A. Dunham,	3.60	\$4,599.66

LIGHTING BRIDGE.

F. S. Peirce, lamp posts,	\$8.95	
F. M. Fuller, lamps and oil,	11.36	
S. Gifford, labor,	10.34	
Joseph R. Willcox, labor,	2.00	
Charles E. Hammond, labor,	12.50	
N. S. Taber,	1.10	\$46.25

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Francis Hammond,	\$5.50	
William B. Delano,	8.00	
Dexter & Haskins,	6.00	
E. Jones,	3.00	
Mary A. Sweeny,	6.50	
Lydia A. Tilton,	2.40	
Ann M. Luscomb,	15.25	
Sarah J. Haskins,	15.25	
Estate of John Allen,	16.00	
Purrington & Taber,	21.63	
Estate of Elias Terry,	15.00	
F. M. Fuller,	4.90	
Alexander Tripp,	20.88	
H. Van Campen,	61.00	
A. D. Bourne,	35.34	
W. S. Guilds,	35.47	
Joseph B. Taber,	1.37	
John Williams,	3.00	
F. S. Peirce,	41.74	
Francis T. Akin,	39.35	
N. S. Taber,	120.72	\$478.30

AMOUNT PAID FOR ALTERATION ON GREEN STREET SCHOOL-HOUSE.

David Howe,	22.10
James M. Hall, Jr.,	16.50
Joseph L. Ross,	60.80
Andrew M. Willcox,	51.40
Fairhaven Railroad,	1.20

Boston & Fairhaven Iron Works,	2.50	
American Tack Co.,	16.30	
A. D. Bourne,	277.81	
W. S. Guilds,	37.97	
John Alden,	4.00	
James M. Doull,	14.30	\$504.88

SALARIES.

Selectmen :		
Bartholomew Taber,	\$200.00	
Isaiah West,	65.00	
George H. Taber,	60.00	\$325.00
Overseers of Poor :		
Bartholomew Taber,	50.00	
Isaiah West,	25.00	
George H. Taber,	25.00	100.00
Assessors :		
F. M. Fuller,	130.00	
George H. Taber,	102.00	
Seth Alden,	56.00	288.00
School Committee :		
Isaac Fairchild,	35.00	
Daniel C. Burt,	50.00	
Jonathan Cowen,	50.00	
William P. Sullings,	50.00	
Cyrus D. Hunt,	50.00	
Job C. Tripp,	40.00	275.00
Fire Wards :		
William Mann,	10.00	
William H. Hoeg,	10.00	
James A. Lewis,	10.00	30.00
Constables :		
William Mann,	2.50	
Thomas S. Butman,	15.20	17.70
Committee on Accounts :		
George F. Tripp,	2.00	
Job C. Tripp,	2.00	4.00
Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector :		
Tucker Damon, Jr.,		561.76
Register :		
Tucker Damon, Jr.,		26.00

INCIDENTALS.

Fessenden & Baker, advertising,	\$63.08	
A. Borden, legal services,	127.50	
Thomas S. Butman, moving safe,	10.50	
E. Anthony & Sons, advertising and printing,	113.75	
George Jones, watching,	3.00	
Seth A. Mitchell, repairing abutment on Main street,	28.56	
Granville Taber, watching and labor,	4.00	
Heirs of F. R. Whitwell, safe,	150.00	
F. M. Fuller, stationery,	4.22	
Little, Brown & Co., town officer,	3.00	
Amos T. Peirce, care of clock,	25.00	
Estate of John Allen, pound,	5.00	
William C. Ford, carting,	1.75	
R. A. Dunham & Co., horse hire,	2.50	
Roland Fish, coal,	6.00	
Phoenix Hall, rent of hall,	50.00	
Phoenix Hall, rent of office,	55.00	
O. Prescott, legal advice,	5.00	
Isaiah West, incidentals,	6.50	
Henry Caswell, repairing pump,	4.90	
Committee on Jabez Delano claim,	13.00	
Bartholomew Taber, stationery and travelling expenses,	9.41	
George H. Taber, incidentals,	9.80	
Tucker Damon, Jr., supplies,	8.29	
Isaac Fairchild, inspector of cattle,	12.50	
Abatement on taxes for prompt payment,	1,095.67	
Taxes remitted,	130.40	
Taxes refunded,	64.06	\$25,143.75
Amount to debit Poor account,		222.08
Balance unexpended to credit in new account,		1,845.42
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		\$27,211.25

CREDIT.

By amount of appropriation,	\$6,000.00
By amount of appropriation for new road,	1,000.00
By loan from Fairhaven Ins. for Savings,	11,000.00
By cash of Whiting & Co., old hose,	36.00
By cash from state aid,	711.47
By cash from state aid, 1867,	61.85
By cash from state for corporation tax,	843.05
By cash from city of New Bedford for balance of repairs on bridge,	3,538.09

By cash from old lumber sold from bridge,	67.24	
By cash from National Bank dividends,	184.00	
By cash from A. P. Willcox, book agent,	250.00	
By cash from C. D. Hunt, from lumber sold,	6.75	
By cash from interest on loan,	20.11	
By cash from Fairhaven Inst. for Savings,		
interest overpaid,	22.45	
By cash from peddler's license,	8.00	
By balance from last year,	2,565.82	
By overlay on taxes,	896.42	\$27,211.25

Cost of New Bedford and Fairhaven Bridge.

Paid for franchise,	\$22,838.93	
Paid for rebuilding by city of N. Bedford		
and town of Fairhaven,	56,888.87	\$79,727.80

The expense of above is borne as follows :

Bristol county one third of franchise,		7,612.98
City of New Bedford four fifths of balance		
of franchise,	12,180.76	
Nine tenths of expense of rebuilding,	51,199.98	63,380.74

Town of Fairhaven pays :

One fifth of balance of franchise,	3,045.19	
One tenth of expense of rebuilding,	5,688.89	8,734.08
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		\$79,727.80

Town Debt

Loans from Fairhaven Savings Bank,	\$44,000.00	
Loans from individuals,	12,132.00	
Interest on loans,	1,366.32	
Outstanding bills,	392.40	\$57,890.72

DEDUCTIONS.

Due from state, state aid,	\$892.00	
Due from town of Nantucket,	83.75	
Due from town of Marion,	60.00	
Due from city of New Bedford,	72.10	
Due from city of Fall River,	75.83	
23 shares National Bank of Fairhaven,	1,840.00	
Uncollected taxes,	7,397.29	
Cash in hands of treasurer,	2,089.46	12,510.43
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Total debt of the town, \$45,380.29

School Book Agency.

To books on hand March, 1870,	\$242.53	
To books purchased during the year,	609.88	
To advance on books sold,	42.13	\$894.54

CREDIT

By books on hand March, 1871,	\$214.61	
By cash paid town treasurer,	250.00	
By cash paid by agent,	16.04	
By books furnished schools,	53.67	
By books furnished by publishers gratuitously,	45.57	
By exchange for old books,	239.42	
By expense obtaining books,	4.53	
By agent's commissions on books sold,	42.13	
By agent's commission on books exchanged,	23.94	
By cash on hand,	4.63	\$894.54

Respectfully submitted.

BARTHOLOMEW TABER,	}	<i>Selectmen.</i>
ISAIAH WEST,		
GEORGE H. TABER,		

We the undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts and believe them to be correct.

JOB C. TRIPP,	}	<i>Committee on Accounts.</i>
GEORGE F. TRIPP,		

Fairhaven, March 23, 1871.

REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN,
FOR THE YEAR 1870-71.

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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the citizens of Fairhaven:

The school committee respectfully submit for your information the following statement, embodying a summary of facts relating to the several schools of the town. Such of these facts as are presented in a tabular form, if they are carefully analyzed, will afford you all the knowledge concerning the schools obtainable without an actual inspection of them, and the methods of operation in the school-room. In regard to these, the committee have great pleasure in expressing their satisfaction generally with the internal character of the schools, their good discipline, the success of the teachers in instructing, and the progress of the pupils in their lessons.

In no former years during our experience have there been so few complaints of insubordination. We do not remember more than a single case in which the teacher, having failed, has been compelled to appeal to the committee for aid in enforcing obedience and maintaining discipline. This is a gratifying improvement on former years, and is due, of course, chiefly to the ability and tact of the teachers, who no doubt have been materially aided and encouraged by the more frequent visits of parents and friends of the schools. The importance of

these visits has been urged in previous reports, and we are every year more and more convinced of their usefulness both to teacher and scholars.

In this connection we do not deem it out of place here to allude to a case illustrating the good effects of these visits. There had been in one of the schools a change of teachers, and there soon arose much dissatisfaction in the neighborhood, in consequence of reported undue severity in the punishment of some of the children by the new teacher. Some of the aggrieved parents visited the teacher at her school-room, and there learned the facts; and what was not the least essential, learned also her zeal and devotion to the interests of the school, and for the advancement of the pupils in their studies. A reconciliation was easily effected, a faithful and valuable teacher retained, discipline maintained, and the school, instead of being broken up, continued with increasing prosperity to the end of the school year. If parents and friends of education, we repeat, visit the schools, and visit them often, you are always welcome; the bright and happy faces of the children will greet you with a cheerful smile, and the teachers will thank you for the aid and encouragement your presence affords.

There has been some improvement during the past year in regard to punctuality in attendance, but the average is yet far below what it should be, not reaching quite 77 percent. The record of this low percentage, however, does injustice to the scholars generally. It is produced to a great extent by a few subjects of parental neglect, who, perhaps, to escape legal discipline, are sent into the school long enough to obtain a membership, and then are allowed to drift about town, growing up in ignorance, schooled in vice, untaught in knowledge and virtue. These are difficult cases to deal with. The letter of the law is complied with, while its spirit is evaded. Is there

no way to rid the streets of these pernicious idlers, and compel their regular and punctual attendance at school? We respectfully but earnestly ask your attention to the care of these neglected children, for they, more than all others, need the benefits of our public schools; and if the public does not interest itself in their welfare, nothing will rescue them from a life of ignorance, with its consequent degradation and misery. There is a limit to the operation of the truant law, and beyond its bounds lies a broad field for the operation of a public-spirited benevolence.

In their annual report a year ago, the committee asked attention to the condition of the school-houses in the town, and indicated such alterations and improvements as they judged were necessary for the proper accommodation of the schools. The convictions we then expressed have only been confirmed by another year's observation. But as a special committee at the last annual town meeting was appointed to examine and report at the town meeting to be held in April next, what may be needed for the better accommodation of the schools, either in the way of building or alterations, we deem any further discussion of the matter here uncalled for, and wait hopefully for your action on the report of the special committee.

TABLE I.

SCHOOLS.			
North Fairhaven,	Spring,	Mary A. Dunham,	3 mos. \$22.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 22.00
	Winter,	" "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 22.00
Oxford Village,	Spring,	Sylvia H. Stevens,	3 " 25.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 25.00
	Winter,	Lizzie R. Healey,	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 28.00
Pease School,	Spring,	Mary S. Wood,	3 " 25.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 25.00
	Winter,	" "	4 " 30.00
Grammar School,	Spring,	Mary E. Minter,	3 " 66.66 $\frac{2}{3}$
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 72.22 2-9
	Winter,	" "	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 72.22 2-9
do. Assistant,	Spring,	D. P. Rand,	3 " 25.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 25.00
	Winter,	" "	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ " 28.00
Centre Intermedial,	Spring,	M. A. Fairfield,	3 " 30.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 30.00
	Winter,	" "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 30.00
Centre Primary,	Spring,	Ella S. Delano,	3 " 22.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 22.00
	Winter,	" "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 28.00
North Primary,	Spring,	Sarah R. Allen,	3 " 22.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 22.00
	Winter,	" "	4 " 25.00
South Primary,	Spring,	Dora C. Ewer,	3 " 20.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 20.00
South Intermedial,	Spring,	Abbie H. Howland,	3 " 24.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 24.00
	Winter,	" "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 28.00
Nasketucket,	Spring,	Addie E. Burke,	3 " 22.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 22.00
	Winter,	" "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 28.00
New Boston,	Spring,	Emma O. Briggs,	3 " 22.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 22.00
	Winter,	" "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 28.00
Sconticut Neck,	Spring,	Katie H. Wood,	3 " 20.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 20.00
	Winter,	" "	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 20.00
High School,	Spring,	H. C. Crane,	3 " 140.00
	Summer,	D. A. Caldwell,	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 120.00
	Winter,	" "	4 " 120.00
do. Assistant,	Spring,	P. B. Cathelle,	3 " 35.00
	Summer,	" "	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " 35.00
	Winter,	" "	4 " 35.00

TABLE II.

SCHOOLS.	SPRING.				SUMMER.				WINTER.			
	Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance under 5.	Attendance over 15.	Average attendance.	Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance under 5.	Attendance over 15.	Average attendance.	Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance under 5.	Attendance over 15.	Average attendance.
North Fairhaven,.....	23		23	19	25	1	26	24	28	2	23	27
Oxford Village,.....	47	1	48	45	48	1	49	42	42	2	148	34.75
Pease School,.....	27		128	21.3	27		229	21	24		125	18
Grammar School,.....	86		692	78	84		892	74	83		1093	71
Centre Intermedial,.....					50		50	38.15	52		52	40.25
Centre Primary,.....					47		47	34.43	49		49	41.68
North Primary,.....	30	1	31	25	35	1	36	28.33	31		31	24.82
South Primary,.....	31		31	23	45	3	48	38.5	48		48	36
Naskatucket,.....	24		24	17	24		125	18	27		835	24
New Boston,.....	31	1	32	22	30		131	24	36	1	340	27
Sconticut Neck,.....	23			17.3	26	1	27	20.23	24	1	328	18.5
High School,.....	50		1565	58.5	53		1063	49	42		1052	44

Whole number of children between 5 and 15, 315.

From the foregoing tables it will be seen that all the schools have been in session nine and one fourth months, except the High school and Grammar school, which were in session ten months, and the Pease school nine and three fourths months.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the past year :

Amount raised for school purposes,	\$5,500.00
Received from state treasurer,	228.03
Received from county treasurer,	149.39
Unappropriated balance from last year,	756.63
Total,	\$6,634.05
Expense for teachers' salaries, care and fuel,	5,737.30
Leaving balance unappropriated,	\$896.75

[Signed]

I. FAIRCHILD, *Chairman.*

C. D. HUNT, *Secretary.*



